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SUBJECT:MBFR: FORM OF THE COLLECTIVE COMMITMENT TO REDUCE

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1. EMBOFF MET JULY 23 WITH FRG DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER
ROTH AND FONOFF MBFR DEPT DEPUTY DIRECTOR GESCHER TO
DISCUSS MBFR AND NPT (REPORTED SEPTTEL). FONOFF MBFR DEPT
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DIRECTOR RUTH WAS ILL AND UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE

DISCUSSION.

2. ROTH EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS SET FORTH IN REFTEL. HE SAID HE HAD ALSO HAD A USEFUL EXCHANGE WITH THE U.S. MBFR DELEGATION REP AND DEPREP IN VIENNA RECENTLY, AND THAT HE WAS ENCOURAGED BY THEIR THINKING ON THE MATTER. HE REEMPHASIZED ONCE AGAIN THE IMPORTANCE WITH WHICH HE VIEWS THE FORM OF A COLLECTIVE COMMITMENT TO REDUCE. ROTH STRESSED THE FORM OF THE AGREEMENT IS NOT JUST A TECHNICAL MATTER, BUT ONE REQUIRING SERIOUS STUDY WITHIN THE ALLIANCE. HE SAID THE FRG WOULD STRIVE TO HELP DEVELOP A COMMON ALLIANCE POSITION ON THIS ISSUE.

3. ROTH QUESTIONS THE WISDOM OF HAVING AN "ALL PARTICIPANTS" CLAUSE EMBEDDED IN ONE INSTRUMENT THEREBY "FORCING" THE NON-U.S. WESTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS TO REDUCE BY VIRTUE OF A US -USSR PHASE I WITHDRAWAL AGREEMENT. THE FRG'S MAIN POLITICAL OBJECTIVE REMAINS AVOIDANCE OF AN AGREEMENT WHICH COULD BE INTERPRETED AS BINDING NATIONS TO INDIVIDUAL REDUCTIONS IN PHASE II. THE FRG WILL SEEK TO AVOID ANY TEXT WHICH MIGHT PREJUDICE THE OUTCOME OF PHASE II IN THIS MANNER.

4. THE GERMANS APPRECIATED RECEIVING THE DEPARTMENT'S THINKING ABOUT THE FORM SUCH A COLLECTIVE COMMITMENT MIGHT TAKE. THEY PLAN TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THEIR OWN PAPER ON THE ISSUE. THE EMBASSY WILL KEEP THE DEPARTMENT ADVISED AS IT DEVELOPS.
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